

Employee Post-Travel Disclosure of Travel Expenses

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Post-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete this form within **30 days** of returning from travel. Submit all forms to the **Office of Public Records in 232 Hart Building**.

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In compliance with Rule 35.2(a) and (c), I make the following disclosures with respect to travel expenses that have been or will be reimbursed/paid for me. I also certify that I have attached:

- ☒ The **original** *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* (Form RE-1), **AND**
- ☒ A **copy** of the *Private Sponsor Travel Certification Form* with all attachments (itinerary, invitee list, etc.)

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

Travel date(s): February 20, 2020 - February 23, 2020

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Traveler: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

IF THE COST OF LODGING **DID NOT INCREASE** DUE TO THE ACCOMPANYING SPOUSE OR DEPENDENT CHILD, ONLY INCLUDE LODGING COSTS IN EMPLOYEE EXPENSES. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

Expenses for Employee:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate	\$1,214	\$825	\$200	\$1500 waived registration fee
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Expenses for Accompanying Spouse or Dependent Child (if applicable):

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses (Amount & Description)
<input type="checkbox"/> Good Faith Estimate				
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amount				

Provide a description of all meetings and events attended. See Senate Rule 35.2(c)(6). (Attach additional pages if necessary.):

The ITIF Policy Retreat guided us through 2.5 days of panels, roundtable discussions, and speakers on key technology public policy for 2020. I attended a computer science presentation by a local high school, and participated in a morning "breakout sessions" on the importance rural broadband connectivity and on artificial intelligence development and ethics. At lunchtime and during the afternoons

I listened to panels of experts and individual speaks on the topics of China foreign policy impacts on tech, the FTC's investigation into big tech companies around anti-competitive practices, innovation policy in Latin America, Puerto Rico's communications network recovery following major natural disasters, 5G wireless networks, International Internet policy and data privacy issues, and Section 230 Comms Act liability for online platforms.

3/19/20
(Date)

Erica Andeweg
(Printed name of traveler)

Eric Andeweg
(Signature of traveler)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING MEMBER/OFFICER:

I have made a determination that the expenses set out above in connections with travel described in the *Employee Pre-Travel Authorization* form, are necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses as defined in Rule 35.

3/19/20
(Date)

Deb Fischer
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

Date/Time Stamp:

EMPLOYEE PRE-TRAVEL AUTHORIZATION

Pre-Travel Filing Instructions: Complete and submit this form at least 30 days prior to the travel departure date to the **Select Committee on Ethics in SH-220**. Incomplete and late travel submissions will not be considered or approved. This form must be typed and is available as a fillable PDF on the Committee's website at ethics.senate.gov. Retain a copy of your entire pre-travel submission for your required post-travel disclosure.

Name of Traveler: Erica Andeweg

Employing Office/Committee: Office of U.S. Senator Deb Fischer

Private Sponsor(s) (list all): Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)

Travel date(s): February 20, 2020 - February 23, 2020

Note: If you plan to extend the trip for any reason you must notify the Committee.

Destination(s): San Juan, Puerto Rico

Explain how this trip is specifically connected to the traveler's official or representational duties:

ITIF is a think tank for science and technology policy. This event will include leaders from business, government, and academia to address tech policy challenges, inclusive of artificial intelligence and advanced wireless networks. Ms. Andeweg handles technology and telecommunications policy matters for the office, which are priority issues for Senator Fischer's work on the Commerce Committee. Senator Fischer is a member of the Senate Internet of Things Working Group, and IoT is part of the subject matter that the trip's agenda would cover. Ms. Andeweg will benefit professionally from the knowledge learned and bicameral relationships built.

Name of accompanying family member (if any): _____

Relationship to Employee: ☐ Spouse ☐ Child

I certify that the information contained in this form is true, complete and correct to the best of my knowledge:

1/29/2020
(Date)

Erica Andeweg
(Signature of Employee)

TO BE COMPLETED BY SUPERVISING SENATOR/OFFICER (President of the Senate, Secretary of the Senate, Sergeant at Arms, Secretary for the Majority, Secretary for the Minority, and Chaplain):

I, Senator Deb Fischer hereby authorize Erica Andeweg
(Print Senator's/Officer's Name) (Print Traveler's Name)

an employee under my direct supervision, to accept payment or reimbursement for necessary transportation, lodging, and related expenses for travel to the event described above. I have determined that this travel is in connection with his or her duties as a Senate employee or an officeholder, and will not create the appearance that he or she is using public office for private gain.

I have also determined that the attendance of the employee's spouse or child is appropriate to assist in the representation of the Senate. (signify "yes" by checking box) ☐

1/29/2020
(Date)

Deb Fischer
(Signature of Supervising Senator/Officer)

PRIVATE SPONSOR TRAVEL CERTIFICATION FORM

This form must be completed by any private entity offering to provide travel or reimbursement for travel to Senate Members, officers, or employees (Senate Rule 35, clause 2). Each sponsor of a fact-finding trip must sign the completed form. The trip sponsor(s) must provide a copy of the completed form to each invited Senate traveler, who will then forward it to the Ethics Committee with any other required materials. The trip sponsor(s) should NOT submit the form directly to the Ethics Committee. Please consult the accompanying instructions for more detailed definitions and other key information.

The Senate Member, officer, or employee **MUST** also provide a copy of this form, along with the appropriate travel authorization and reimbursement form, to the Office of Public Records (OPR), Room 232 of the Hart Building, within thirty (30) days after the travel is completed.

1. Sponsor(s) of the trip (please list all sponsors): Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF)
2. Description of the trip: ITIF's Annual Innovation Policy Retreat
3. Dates of travel: February 20, 2022 - February 23, 2020
4. Place of travel: San Juan, Puerto Rico
5. Name and title of Senate invitees: See Attachment 1
6. I certify that the trip fits one of the following categories:
☒ (A) The sponsor(s) are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and do not retain or employ registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and no lobbyist or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.
- OR -
☐ (B) The sponsor or sponsors are not registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, but retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal and the trip meets the requirements of Senate Rule 35.2(a)(2)(A)(i) or (ii) (*see question 9*).
7. ☒ I certify that the trip will not be financed in any part by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal.
- AND -
☒ I certify that the sponsor or sponsors will not accept funds or in-kind contributions earmarked directly or indirectly for the purpose of financing this specific trip from a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal or from a private entity that retains or employs one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal.
8. I certify that:
☒ The trip will not in any part be planned, organized, requested, or arranged by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except for *de minimis* lobbyist involvement.
- AND -
☒ The traveler will not be accompanied on the trip by a registered lobbyist or agent of a foreign principal except as provided for by Committee regulations relating to lobbyist accompaniment (*see question 9*).

9. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 6(B)**

I *certify* that if the sponsor or sponsors retain or employ one or more registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal, one of the following scenarios applies:

☐ (A) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and one overnight stay) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip.

– OR –

☐ (B) The trip is for attendance or participation in a one-day event (exclusive of travel time and two overnight stays) and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *on any segment* of the trip (*see questions 6 and 10*).

– OR –

☐ (C) The trip is being sponsored only by an organization or organizations designated under § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and no registered lobbyists or agents of a foreign principal will accompany the Member, officer, or employee *at any point* throughout the trip.

10. **USE ONLY IF YOU CHECKED QUESTION 9(B)**

If the trip includes two overnight stays, please explain why the second night is practically required for Senate invitees to participate in the travel:

The conference includes two and a half days of programming, and there are limited numbers of flights available to and from San Juan.

11. ☒ An itinerary for the trip is attached to this form. I *certify* that the attached itinerary is a detailed (hour-by-hour), complete, and final itinerary for the trip.

12. Briefly describe the role of each sponsor in organizing and conducting the trip:

ITIF is the sole sponsor and is organizing all aspects of the trip.

13. Briefly describe the stated mission of each sponsor and how the purpose of the trip relates to that mission:

ITIF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization founded in 2006 whose mission is to formulate and promote public policies to advance technological innovation and productivity. Our fifth policy retreat will facilitate serious discussions about difficult economic and innovation challenges facing our nation.

14. Briefly describe each sponsor's prior history of sponsoring congressional trips:

We began sponsoring congressional trips in 2010, and since then have hosted close to 400 staffers from the House and Senate. This will be our fifth policy retreat, and our first time traveling to Puerto Rico.

15. Briefly describe the educational activities performed by each sponsor (other than sponsoring congressional trips):

We are a leading resource for elected officials, their staff and the media, who rely on our ongoing policy reports, forums and policy debates to ensure that new and creative policy proposals are helping advance innovation.

16. Total Expenses for Each Participant:

	Transportation Expenses	Lodging Expenses	Meal Expenses	Other Expenses
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good Faith estimate	\$600	\$825	\$200	
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual Amounts				

17. State whether a) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *without regard* to congressional participation or b) the trip involves an event that is arranged or organized *specifically with regard* to congressional participation:

~~This conference is arranged without regard to congressional participation.~~

18. Reason for selecting the location of the event or trip

We wanted to bring our business to Puerto Rico to aid in their ongoing economic recovery. We have previously hosted these events in Florida.

19. Name and location of hotel or other lodging facility:

Caribe Hilton, 1 Calle San Gerónimo, San Juan, 00901, Puerto Rico

20. Reason(s) for selecting hotel or other lodging facility:

Availability of rooms and event space, pricing, proximity to major airport.

21. Describe how the daily expenses for lodging, meals, and other expenses provided to trip participants compares to the maximum per diem rates for official Federal Government travel:

GSA only sets rates for the lower 48 states, but given our modest operating budget, we always aim to keep costs as low as possible when sponsoring travel.

22. Describe the type and class of transportation being provided. Indicate whether coach, business-class or first class transportation will be provided. If first-class fare is being provided, please explain why first-class travel is necessary:

Coach class travel on a commercial airline will be provided.

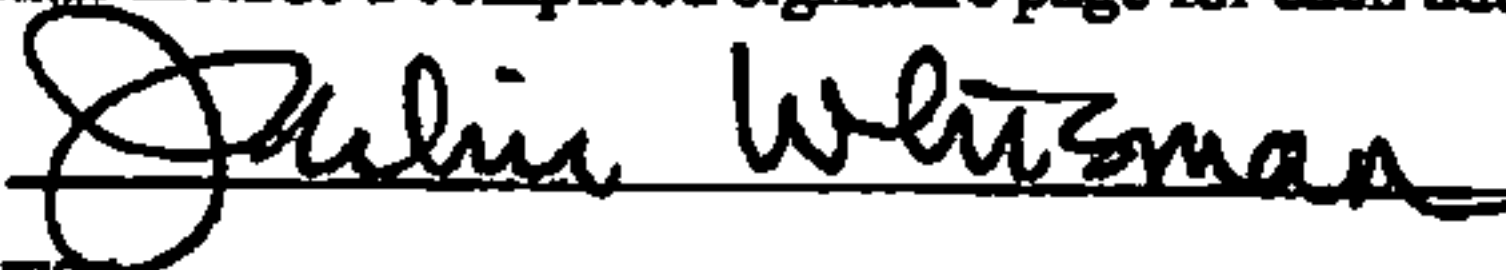
23. ☒ I represent that the travel expenses that will be paid for or reimbursed to Senate invitees do not include expenditures for recreational activities, alcohol, or entertainment (other than entertainment provided to all attendees as an integral part of the event, as permissible under Senate Rule 35).

24. List any entertainment that will be provided to, paid for, or reimbursed to Senate invitees and explain why the entertainment is an integral part of the event:

No entertainment will be provided.

25. I hereby *certify* that the information contained herein is true, complete and correct. (For trips involving more than one sponsor, you *must* include a completed signature page for each additional sponsor):

Signature of Travel Sponsor:



Name and Title: Jackie Whisman

Name of Organization: Information Technology and Innovation Foundation

Address: 700 K Street NW, Suite 600, Washington DC 20001

Telephone Number: (202) 626-5748

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E-mail Address: jwhisman@itif.org

DRAFT AGENDA

ITIF's Fifth Annual Innovation Policy Retreat | Caribe Hilton | San Juan, Puerto Rico
February 20 – 22, 2020

Thursday, February 20, 2020

- 8:15 AM** United Airlines Flight 2021 Departs Dulles International Airport (IAD)
- 1:01 PM** United Airlines Flight 2021 Arrives San Juan International Airport (SJU)
- 2:30 – 4:30 PM** “Rebuilding Puerto Rico” Service Event with University of Puerto Rico Mentors and Student Innovators from Five High Schools in Bayamón, Puerto Rico
ITIF has organized a monthlong collaboration between University of Puerto Rico technologists and high school students from five public schools in during which the high school innovators will identify a public challenge and use technology to solve it. Many of the projects will be related to rebuilding the island's technology infrastructure. The students and their University mentors will present their work and findings to our group and accept feedback and additional mentorship from attendees.
- 5:30 – 7:00 PM** Welcome Reception
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM** Dinner + Fireside Chat with Commissioner Geoffrey Starks, Federal Communications Commission

Friday, February 21, 2020

Theme: Innovation and Competitiveness

- 8:00 AM** Breakfast
- 8:45 AM** Welcome Remarks: Congressman Darren Soto (FL-09)
- 9:15 – 10:15 AM** Breakout Sessions
- IOT's Promise of Energy Efficiency
 - Responding to Deep Fakes and Election Security
 - The Future of Robotics and Robotics Policy
 - What's Next for AI and AI Policy?
- 10:30 – 11:45 AM** Panel: China: The Long Cold War?
Moderator: Rob Atkinson, Founder and President, ITIF
U.S. foreign and trade policy has clearly changed vis-à-vis China in the last few years. Many argue that it will be impossible to go back to the pre-2017 relationship regardless of who is in the White House in 2021. If so, what will this new relationship between China and the West look like and what are the implications for U.S. companies and the U.S. trade policy?

Friday, February 21, 2020, continued

12:00 – 12:30 PM Lunch Buffet

12:30 – 1:45 PM Panel: Time for a New American Innovation and Competitiveness Policy?

Moderator: Rob Atkinson, Founder and President, ITIF

For almost three decades, the consensus on both the left and the right was that there was not only no need for an articulated national innovation and competitiveness policy, but that such a policy might in fact be harmful. Those views appear to have shifted significantly. Several Democratic presidential candidates have called for such a policy; a growing raft of “national interest” conservatives have rejected free market doctrines to embrace an active innovation and competitiveness policy. What does this mean for policy development? Are such proposals likely to make it through the policy gauntlet that is Washington? Will the “bad” come with the “good?” How should the innovation policy community attempt to shape these policy proposals?

2:00 – 3:15 PM Breakout Sessions

- Responding to Deep Fakes and Election Security
- What’s Next for AI and AI Policy?
- Techlash: What to Do?
- Tech and the Future of Jobs and Workforce Development

3:30 – 4:45 PM Panel: What’s Up With Privacy Legislation?

Moderator: Daniel Castro, Vice President, ITIF and Director of ITIF’s Center for Data Innovation

There have been growing calls for Congress to wade into the privacy debate by enacting comprehensive data privacy legislation that addresses consumer concerns while protecting digital innovation. Yet, so far, the EU’s General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) and the new California Consumer Privacy Act (CCPA) are the primary laws shaping most of corporate America’s data practices. Is the case for Congressional action on privacy legislation growing, or has the window closed?

5:30 – 6:30 PM Reception

6:30 – 8:00 PM Dinner + Keynote Address

Saturday, February 22, 2020

Theme: Internet and IT Policy

8:00 AM **Breakfast Buffet Available**

9:00 – 10:15 AM **Breakout Sessions**

- Techlash: What to Do?
- IoT's Promise of Energy Efficiency
- The Future of Robotics and Robotics Policy
- Tech and the Future of Jobs and Workforce Development

10:30 – 11:45 AM **Panel: 5G and Enterprise Transformation**
Moderator: Doug Brake, Director, Broadband and Spectrum Policy, ITIF
Most attention paid to information and communications tech (ICT) is on consumer applications and purported problems (e.g., privacy, hate speech, etc.). Yet, the greater promise from ICT in the next decade is on the enterprise/organizational side, where a suite of technologies, especially 5G, hold the potential for finally turning around America's long-standing anemic productivity growth rates. How will these technologies potentially reshape enterprises, including government? What are the barriers to transformation and what are the implications of slow progress? And most importantly, what is the role of government to not get in the way while at the same time enabling and supporting transformation?

12:00 – 12:30 PM **Lunch Buffet**

12:45 – 2:00 PM **Panel: International Internet Policy Issues**
Moderator: Nigel Cory, Associate Director, Trade Policy, ITIF
Increasingly, nations are grappling with Internet policy questions that affect other nations, whether it involves taxation of digital companies, copyright and digital content, cross border data flows, election security, antitrust, privacy and the "right to be forgotten." For many issues international frameworks and coordination are needed. For others, we need the opposite: national frameworks that govern internet activity only in that nation. How should policy makers tell the difference? What should U.S. policy makers do to ensure a robust global Internet policy framework.

2:15 – 3:30 PM **Panel: Section 230 and Tech Liability**
Moderator: Daniel Castro, Vice President, ITIF and Director of ITIF's Center for Data Innovation
There is a renewed debate about whether Internet platforms deserve to be shielded from liability for the content posted by their users. A number of policymakers have called for platforms to be treated more like publishers. This idea has particularly gained traction among those who reject the neutrality of these platforms or who do not think these companies are doing enough to protect users. Yet even as many experts defend the status quo, noting that making changes to the long-standing protections that have allowed the digital economy to flourish is highly risky, there is growing momentum to negotiate a new deal. Should policymakers revise Section 230 or draw a hard line? And how will potential changes to liability protections abroad impact the available options?

5:00 – 6:30 PM **Closing Reception**

6:30 – 8:00 PM **Dinner + Congressional Staff Panel: Innovation Policy in the 116th Congress**



Sunday, February 23, 2020

9:00 AM	Breakfast Buffet Available
11:00 AM	Hotel Check Out
12:30 PM	Flight Check In
1:56 PM	United Flight 2022 Departs SJU
4:50 PM	United Flight 2022 Arrives LAD

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Attachment 1: Congressional Invitees:

Keith	Abouchar	House Democratic Majority Leader Steny Hoyer
Liz	Amster	Rep. Kathleen Rice
Erica	Andeweg	U.S. Senator Deb Fischer
Rachel	Appelton	U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Jodey	Arrington	U.S. House of Representatives
Tammy	Baldwin	U.S. Senate
Lyndsey	Barnes	Rep. Brian Higgins
Brendan	Belair	House Judiciary Committee
Ami	Bera	U.S. House of Representatives
Moira	Bergin	Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Innovation Subcommittee
Sasha	Bernhard	Rep. Suzan DelBene
Marsha	Blackburn	U.S. Senate
Susan	Brooks	U.S. House of Representatives
Angela	Brown	Rep. Darren Soto
Aimee	Collins-Mandeville	Rep. Val Demings
Becky	Cornell	COS, Pete Aguilar
Alexandrine	De Bianchi	U.S. Senator Jacky Rosen
Suzan	DelBene	U.S. House of Representatives
Michael	Demakos	Rep. Kathleen Rice
Max	Ernst	Rep. Abby Finkenauer
Adam	Finkel	Blue Dog Coalition
Deb	Fischer	U.S. Senate
Roddy	Flynn	Rep. Mary Gay Scanlon
Mike	Flynn	Senate Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Committee
Justin	German	COS, Haley Stevens
Evan	Giesemann	Rep. Terri Sewell
Lisa	Goldman	Consumer Protection Subcommittee, House Energy & Commerce Committee
Jenniffer	Gonzalez-Colon	U.S. House of Representatives
David	Greengrass	House Judiciary Committee
Tyler	Grimm	Rep. Jim Jordan
J.D.	Grom	New Democrat Coalition
Adam	Hechavarria	U.S. Senator Todd Young

Jennifer	Hendrixson-White	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Brian	Higgins	U.S. House of Representatives
Victoria	Honard	Rep. Suzan DelBene
Mark	Iozzi	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Tasia	Jackson	Hakeem Jeffries
April	Jones	U.S. Senator Amy Klobuchar
Aruna	Kalyanam	House Ways & Means Committee
Joel	Kelsey	U.S. Senator Blumenthal
Derek	Kilmer	U.S. House of Representatives
Andy	Kim	U.S. House of Representatives
Raja	Krishnamoorthi	U.S. House of Representatives
Chris	Leuchten	U.S. Senator Kyrsten Sinema
Ted	Lieu	U.S. House of Representatives
John	Lin	Senate Commerce
Billy	Long	U.S. House of Representatives
Theresa	Lou	House Foreign Affairs Committee
Sam	Love	Senator Gardner
Jeff	Lowenstein	Rep. Adam Schiff
Kurt	Lynch	Senator Cortez Masto
Chrstina	Mahoney	Rep. Emanuel Cleaver
Cathy	McMorris Rodgers	U.S. House of Representatives
Jerry	McNerney	U.S. House of Representatives
Bakari	Middleton	U.S. Senator Cory Booker
Jerry	Moran	U.S. Senate
Christopher	Mulkins	HSGAC--Dem
Sam	Mulopulos	U.S. Senator Rob Portman
Richie	Neal	U.S. House of Representatives
Samuel	Negatu	LD, Jimmy Gomez
Stephen	Newton	U.S. Senator Mitt Romney
Dao	Nguyen	Future Forum
Olivia	Oo	LD, Tony Cardenas
Caleb	Orr	U.S. Senate Small Business Committee/Senator Rubio
Justin	Oswald	Grace Meng
David	Pendle	U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Scott	Peters	U.S. House of Representatives
Sydney	Pettit	Senator Capito
Donald	Pollard	Rep. Lauren Underwood
Rachel	Rathore	Rep. Bob Latta
Anant	Raut	U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Scott	Reber	Senator James Risch
George	Redden	Senator Jerry Moran

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Jacob	Reses	U.S. Senator Josh Hawley
James	Risch	U.S. Senate
Bill	Rockwood	Rep. Darren Soto
Jason	Rodriguez	Steven Horsford
Jeff	Rothblum	HSGAC-Dem
Dominic	Saavedra	Senator Heinrich
Aaron	Schmidt	Rep. Suzan DelBene
David	Schweikert	U.S. House of Representatives
Mikie	Sherrill	U.S. House of Representatives
Elissa	Slotkin	U.S. House of Representatives
Dan	Smith	Rep. Doggett
Darren	Soto	U.S. House of Representatives
Charlyn	Stanberry	Rep. Yvette Clarke
Halcy	Stevens	U.S. House of Representatives
Troy D.	Stock	U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee
Mimi	Strobel	U.S. Senator Ron Johnson
Dan	Swanson	U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee
Eric	Teetsel	Senator Josh Hawley
Lori	Trahan	U.S. House of Representatives
Olivia	Trusty	Senate Commerce
Nicole	Varner	Mark Veasey
Marc	Veasey	U.S. House of Representatives
Evan	Viau	House Energy and Commerce
Jessica	Vu	U.S. Senator Marsha Blackburn
Conor	Walsh	Rep. Suozzi
Austin	Walton	Rep. Walberg & Whip Scalise
Brandon	Webb	Robin Kelly
Jay	Weismuller	U.S. Senator Maggie Hassan
Carolina	Young	U.S. Senator Mark Warner

Andeweg, Erica (Fischer)

From: Jackie Whisman <jwhisman@itif.org>
Sent: Tuesday, October 22, 2019 2:17 PM
To: Andeweg, Erica (Fischer)
Subject: Invitation: ITIF's Annual Policy Retreat in Puerto Rico 2/20 - 2/22
Attachments: ITIF Retreat Flight Form San Juan 2020.xlsx; ITIF Innovation Policy Retreat 2020 DRAFT AGENDA Updated 10.21.19.pdf

Erica Andeweg
Legislative Assistant
U.S. Senator Deb Fischer
Washington, DC

Dear Erica:

On behalf of the Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (ITIF), I would like to invite you to join us for ITIF's invitation-only Innovation Policy Retreat in San Juan, Puerto Rico Thursday February 20 through Saturday, February 22, 2020 and participate in our closing panel featuring other Congressional staff on Saturday evening, February 22. I have included a draft agenda for reference.

ITIF is the world's top-ranked think tank for science and technology policy. Our expertise runs the gamut from Internet-related topics such as data privacy and cybersecurity, to telecom issues such as broadband deployment, to broader issues related to public and private research and development, trade, and other factors affecting innovation, productivity, and competitiveness across the U.S. and global economies.

As in past years, this retreat will bring together leaders from business, government, and academia to assess policy challenges on technology and competitiveness-related issues and explore evidence-based solutions to foster economic growth and societal progress. We anticipate around 90 total attendees, and all discussions are off-the-record and closed to the press.

ITIF is happy to cover the costs of your travel, group meals and hotel stay, and the events during the retreat will adhere to House and Senate Ethics Committee guidelines for privately sponsored travel.

To RSVP, please reply to this email with a completed version of the attached flight form so we can add your information to our flight block with United. If you are interested but not able to commit just yet, please let me know, and I'm happy to answer any questions as you consider the invitation. The deadline to RSVP is Friday, January 10, 2020.

We very much appreciate your consideration and hope you can join us in February!

Jackie Whisman
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